

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NORTH SANTIAM WATERSHED COUNCIL

NSWC BOARD BUSINESS 5:45pm

The Board of Directors met on **October 10, 2019** at the Stayton Community Center, Stayton, Oregon. Jan Irene, Board Secretary called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 5:30pm with a Roll call for quorum. N

Directors Present: Jan Irene Miller - Secretary (Lower North Santiam Subbasin Representative), Suzette Boudreaux (Little North Fork Santiam Subbasin Representative), Woody Jackson (Breitenbush Subbasin Representative), Brad Nanke - President (City of Salem Representative) arrived later, Brent Stevenson – Vice President (Irrigation District Representative) arrived later

NSWC Staff Present: Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director

A quorum was not present at 5:45pm. John Caruso was absent. Brad Nanke and Brent Stevenson will be arriving later. Note: Dave Carpenter (Aquatic Resources Representative) has resigned from the Board per a written communication. A vote on the September 2019 meeting minutes will occur after the presentation when full board is present.

NSWC Board Meeting adjourned 6:00pm

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING: 6:00-7:30PM

6:00 PM Welcome

Jan Irene read the NSWC mission and introductions followed.

Technical Advisors Present: Brandin Hilbrandt (City of Salem), Lawrence Schwabe (Grand Ronde Tribe)

General Members Present: Jay Hennigan (NSW Landowner), Bill Sanderson (Retired NSWC Board Member), and Amy Borba (NSWC Volunteer)

Community Guests Present: Dan Hoynacki, Bill Crucial (Santiam Flycasters)

September 2019 Presenter: Stacey Dalgaard (Oregon Environmental Council)

Presentation: Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) and the Oregon 100-Year Water Vision

Stacey Dalgaard presented the background and goals of the OEC: Climate Protection, Clean and Plentiful Water and Toxic-free Environments. Beginning with some of the known challenges and successes in the state, she shared a background in how OEC gathers information, advocates and builds awareness.

As key educators, OEC is sharing the process of contributing to the 100-Year Water Vision (www.oregonwatervision.org) and gathering input from stakeholders. In the fall of 2019, a team put together by the Oregon Governor's Office began seeking input from across the state on the recently developed 100 year draft vision. The team's plan is to gather input and refine the draft vision, problem statement and goals, building from the Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) prepared by OWRD. The desired outcome of this process is to eventually prioritize how we will face and adapt in the future and fund the investments that we will need to maintain a healthy community. A lively discussion ensued with many questions and concerns being raised. Comments made included:

- A vision could be higher level inspiration that creates a conversation around "we," creates possibilities/direction for innovation, and clarifies what we are prioritizing (human or fish or both? aesthetic value? societal value?).
- Angst about this being a statewide plan that tries to be everything to all people
- Concern expressed around who will end up paying for these investments. Feeling like everyone is asked to put into the pot for something when only some people are using it unwisely. It's frustrating to care for water in our watershed only to see it flow downstream and get polluted beyond our control.
- Desire to see more public education about water, what we know about our resources and how it's managed. Educating the public is a critical first step. See an opportunity for the vision to generate/elevate a narrative that we all care about and depend on water.
- Demand for a more rigorous phase 2 of engagement on the vision that reaches all different kinds of stakeholders. Desire for more town hall events, put them in the hands of watershed councils.
- Set clear expectations for stakeholders: who is leading conversations? Who is determining what actions can be? Clarify what comes next, with whom, how often. If want to produce tangible outcomes and build trust, need a plan for continued engagement. There's a real lack of trust when organizations/agencies initiate long conversations, but people don't see the change.
- Need for a "water czar" at the state level. No one is holding a promise for this.
- Distrust of the agencies responsible today for taking care of water. Seeing development approved without regulations, agencies not regulating for what they are supposed to be accountable for, not talking to each other.
- Support for local water management and relationships. It may require new roles and new leadership in our state water management approach, but there is more trust at the local level. Planning, implementation and strategy should take place at the local/regional level, not in a statewide vision.

7:25 PM Executive Director Update

Rebecca McCoun, Executive Director shared key commitments and distributed the monthly report update on Collaborative Partnership Activities, Existing Projects, Fall & Winter 2019 & Spring 2020 Project Proposals

7:30 PM Board Business (Board Quorum Present)

Jan Irene brought the September 12, 2019 minutes to the floor. Suzette motioned to approve the

minutes. Brent made a second. No further discussion. The September 12, 2019 minutes were adopted.

Logo Discussion: Suzette Boudreaux noted she will receive modifications on the logo re-design from the artist and share by email with the Board for their input.

7:38 PM Announcements:

Water Watch 17th Annual Celebration of Oregon Rivers, November 16 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm (more information at www.waterwatch.org)

7:40 pm Meeting Adjourned

Signature of Secretary *Jan Irene Miller* Date: 11/14/19
Jan Irene Miller